

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Miller, on February 17, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Erica Siate, Committee Secretary  
Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 416, 2/11/2015; HB 417, 2/11/2015; HB 421, 2/11/2015

00:00:01 Chair Miller

**HEARING ON HB 421**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:51 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 421, Extend termination date of coal severance tax coal washing credit.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:21 Chuck Denowh, Signal Peak Energy

00:05:25 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council, Great Northern Properties

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:07:07 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:51 Chair Miller

00:10:05 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:10:12 Chair Miller

00:10:23 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:10:29 Rep. Dunwell

00:12:18 Chuck Denowh, Signal Peak Energy

00:13:12 Rep. Williams

00:13:45 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:14:31 Rep. Williams

00:15:03 Megan Moore, LSD

00:15:36 Rep. Williams

00:16:10 Chuck Denowh, Signal Peak Energy

00:16:14 Rep. Smith

00:16:52 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:18:01 Rep. Custer

00:18:54 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:19:38 Rep. Williams

00:20:31 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council, Great Northern Properties

00:21:30 Rep. Hertz entered the meeting.

00:22:48 Rep. Williams

00:22:55 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council, Great Northern Properties

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:03 Rep. Berry

00:23:38 Chair Miller

**HEARING ON HB 416**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:48 Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 416, Provide military income tax exemption.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:27 Jim Higgins, Enlisted Officers Association of the Montana National Guard  
00:32:24 Roger Hagan, self  
00:35:22 Dennis Stoner, self  
00:36:45 Gary White, American Legion of Montana  
00:37:49 Helen Morin, Air National Guard  
00:39:20 Keith Joseph Kelly, Montana National Guard Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:41:37 Micah Christensen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:25 Rep. Olszewski  
00:42:52 Jim Higgins, Enlisted Officers Association of the Montana National Guard  
00:43:04 Rep. Olszewski  
00:43:20 Jim Higgins, Enlisted Officers Association of the Montana National Guard  
00:44:03 Rep. Olszewski  
00:44:12 Jim Higgins, Enlisted Officers Association of the Montana National Guard  
00:44:50 Rep. Hertz  
00:45:28 Micah Christensen, DOR  
00:45:53 Rep. Williams  
00:46:09 Micah Christensen, DOR  
00:46:25 Rep. Williams  
00:47:01 Micah Christensen, DOR  
00:47:47 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:48:18 Chair Miller  
00:48:42 Jim Higgins, Enlisted Officers Association of the Montana National Guard

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:11 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:53:25 Chair Miller

**HEARING ON HB 417****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:53:38 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 417, Revise tax lien, sale, and title provisions re primary residence tax delinquency.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:06:48 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:10:59 Rep. Z. Brown entered the meeting.  
01:26:58 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting  
01:27:15 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:28:56 Rep. Redfield  
01:29:20 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:30:00 Rep. Redfield  
01:30:09 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:30:18 Rep. Hertz  
01:31:47 Rep. Jacobson  
01:33:52 Rep. Hertz  
01:34:26 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:35:51 Rep. Custer  
01:36:39 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:36:58 Rep. Custer  
01:37:18 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:37:58 Rep. Custer  
01:38:26 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:38:50 Rep. Williams  
01:39:28 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:40:08 Rep. Williams  
01:40:28 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:40:42 Rep. Williams  
01:40:49 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:40:52 Rep. Williams  
01:42:10 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties  
01:43:41 Chair Miller  
01:44:21 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:45:25 Chair Miller  
01:45:53 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:45:53 Rep. Dunwell  
01:47:08 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:47:39 Rep. Dunwell  
01:47:58 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
01:48:11 Rep. Dunwell  
01:48:46 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:49:57 Rep. Dunwell

01:50:15 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:50:40 Rep. Jacobson

01:52:41 Chair Miller

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:53:51

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Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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